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STATE WELCOMES FIVE COMPANIES INTO NEW ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Companies acknowledged by state for adherence to regulations, proactive approach

Environmental Affairs Secretary Ellen Roy Herzfelder today welcomed five companies into the Massachusetts Environmental Stewardship Program, a newly created program that recognizes companies that have demonstrated leadership in environmental protection. The five firms honored today are Precix, Inc of New Bedford, Saint-Gobain of Worcester, Skanska USA of Boston, Teradyne Inc. of North Reading, and Texas Instruments Inc. of North Attleborough.

"These five firms have demonstrated their leadership in protecting the environment," said Roy Herzfelder. "I am pleased to recognize their achievements and look forward to working with them to promote the development of sustainable industry here in Massachusetts."

The Massachusetts Environmental Stewardship Program is a new initiative of the Toxics Use Reduction Program within the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The purpose of the program is to evaluate the performance of applicants in a number of areas such as toxics use reduction, energy and water conservation, and solid waste reduction. Program applicants must demonstrate a strong record of compliance with environmental laws and have a good environmental management system in place to govern their activities.

The five member companies will work with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to promote their achievements and will receive regulatory incentives based on their success. The program will evaluate their performance through site visits and annual reports. The Massachusetts Environmental Stewardship Program will be announcing a second round of applications within two months.

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